

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert in the first sentence after the title, the following new paragraph.

This application is the U.S. national phase of International Application PCT/EP2004/003304, filed March 29, 2004, claiming priority to European Patent Application 03075962.5 filed April 2, 2003, and the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/473,671, filed May 23, 2003; the disclosures of International Application PCT/EP2004/003304, European Patent Application 03075962.5 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/473,671, each as filed, are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 27, and ending at line 30, with the following paragraph.

In US patent No. 5,519,090 it is taught that a good melt ~~forwability~~flowability and good mechanical properties, in particular high rigidity, can be achieved by blending together two polypropylenes with different values of melt flow index and a propylene/ethylene copolymer.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 14, and ending at line 15, with the following paragraph.

The masterbatch compositions of the present invention can also be produced by a gas-phase ~~polymerisation~~polymerization process carried out in at least two interconnected ~~polymerisation~~polymerization zones.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 17, and ending at line 24, with the following paragraph.

In detail, the above-mentioned process comprises feeding one or more monomer(s) to said ~~polymerisation~~polymerization zones in the presence of catalyst under reaction conditions and collecting the polymer product from the said ~~polymerisation~~polymerization zones. In the said process the growing polymer particles flow upward through one (first) of the said ~~polymerisation~~polymerization zones (riser) under fast ~~fluidisation~~fluidization conditions, leave the said riser and enter another (second) ~~polymerisation~~polymerization zone (downcomer) through which they flow downward in a densified form under the action of gravity, leave the said

downcomer and are reintroduced into the riser, thus establishing a circulation of polymer between the riser and the downcomer.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 19, and ending at line 21, with the following paragraph.

Representative examples of said ~~dieters~~diethers are 2-methyl-2-isopropyl-1,3-dimethoxypropane, 2,2-diisobutyl-1,3-dimethoxypropane, 2-isopropyl-2-cyclopentyl-1,3-dimethoxypropane, 2-isopropyl-2-isoamyl-1,3-dimethoxypropane, 9,9-bis (methoxymethyl) fluorene.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 20, and ending at line 23, with the following paragraph.

Examples of silicon compounds are (tert-butyl)₂Si(OCH₃)₂, (cyclohexyl)(methyl)Si (OCH₃)₂, (phenyl)₂Si(OCH₃)₂ and (cyclopentyl)₂Si(OCH₃)₂. 1,3-diethers having the formulae described above can also be used advantageously. If the internal donor is one of these ~~dieters~~diethers, the external donors can be omitted.